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**CABINET OPINION ON SPANISH AFFAIRS**

June 20., 1793.

At a meeting this day of the heads of deparmts at the Prest's on summons from him, a lre from Messrs. Viar & Jaudenes dated June 18. & addressed to the Secy of state was read; whereupon it is the opn that a full detail of the proceedgs of the U. S. with respect to the Southern Indns & the Spands be prepared, & a justifcn as to the particular matters charged in the sd lre, that this be sent with all the necessary documts, to our Commrs at the ct of Madrid with instns to them to communicate the same to the ct of Madrid leavg to them a discretion to change expressions in it which to them may appear likely to give offence in the circumstances under which they may be at the time of receivg it, & that a copy be sent to Mr. Pinckney for his informn, & to make such use of the matter it contains as to him shd seem expedit; that an answer be written to Messrs. V. and J. informg them that we shall convey our sentimts on the subject to their court thro' our commrs at Madrid & letting them see that we are not insensible to the style & manner of their communications.

A draught of a ltre from the Secy of state to Mr. Hammond, asking when an answer to his ltre of May 29. 1792 might be expected, was read & approved.